**Invitation to join a global effort to improve the ecosystem services database**

In order to stop the continued loss of biodiversity and degradation of ecosystems and landscapes we need better data on the true welfare effect\* of nature conservation, ecosystem restoration and sustainable land management.

As a contribution to the TEEB study ([www.teebweb.net](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.teebweb.net%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cc087401a782c491e284e08d874fd9d4c%7C27d137e5761f4dc1af88d26430abb18f%7C0%7C0%7C637387979895112614%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=fHZFVzeYJ2eCoSI2ussp9u514bZfPsIT8Vinjfm6EGQ%3D&reserved=0)) we developed a database with over 1200 records on the monetary value of ecosystem services which was published in 2010. In the spring of 2019, we received funding from DEFRA (UK) to update and upgrade this database, now called “Ecosystem Services Value Database (ESVD), with over 4000 value records distributed over all biomes and all ecosystem services ([https://www.es-partnership.org/esvd/](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.es-partnership.org%2Fesvd%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cc087401a782c491e284e08d874fd9d4c%7C27d137e5761f4dc1af88d26430abb18f%7C0%7C0%7C637387979895122608%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Y2eSbVLzIKNo6RepiLaNQyi5MXaonHQLVHbDzZoIwoM%3D&reserved=0)).

The original database, and ESVD, is being used for many different purposes (see the section ‘uses and partners’ on this website) and we are now creating so called “Biome Data Review-teams”: a flexible group of experts on a given biome (e.g. tropical forests, wetlands, coral reefs etc.) who will screen the current values in the database and, if possible, add new data.

Hereby we would like to invite you to join this global effort to obtain better data on the economic importance of nature conservation and ecosystem restoration. If you are interested please fill in the attached form and send it back to us. Shortly after we receive your answer, we will send you more detailed information on how to get involved. Of course we will acknowledge your contribution in the online database but maybe even more interesting for you, and for us, is if you are willing to become co-author of regular updates we plan to publish in high impact Journals (e.g. [www.journals.elsevier.com/ecosystem-services](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.journals.elsevier.com%2Fecosystem-services&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cc087401a782c491e284e08d874fd9d4c%7C27d137e5761f4dc1af88d26430abb18f%7C0%7C0%7C637387979895122608%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=O3lnSsp5QC8btFWqPPKYoY33ggkY7TnMbPO%2BFRaolbA%3D&reserved=0) ).

We hope all this is clear and feel free to contact me or Luke if you have any questions, or send an email to Stefanos Solomonides who is managing the review-process.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

With kind regards,

Dolf de Groot, Chair Ecosystem Services Partnership ([www.es-partnership.org](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.es-partnership.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cc087401a782c491e284e08d874fd9d4c%7C27d137e5761f4dc1af88d26430abb18f%7C0%7C0%7C637387979895132600%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=YMqLhRGKmtAS6D6Sbcs%2BqjK5yal2uSkz20IY1NX8aSc%3D&reserved=0)), Luke Brander ([https://panorama.solutions/fr/organisation/brander-environmental-economics](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpanorama.solutions%2Ffr%2Forganisation%2Fbrander-environmental-economics&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cc087401a782c491e284e08d874fd9d4c%7C27d137e5761f4dc1af88d26430abb18f%7C0%7C0%7C637387979895132600%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=d0vYS6aPV7o1y6vzCgB07plDFHNE5Ahia7C5PTMfkwk%3D&reserved=0)), and Stefanos Solomonides ([www.fsd.nl](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsd.nl%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cc087401a782c491e284e08d874fd9d4c%7C27d137e5761f4dc1af88d26430abb18f%7C0%7C0%7C637387979895142599%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=BQRc80JnUEnJ8M3IjLwI2aFTWogwTQCULb9IhCocKYM%3D&reserved=0)), email: stefanos.solomonides@fsd.nl

\*) *of course we know nature has many different values (including intrinsic, relational and other non-utilitarian values) but the focus of this database is to gather information on economic welfare values measured in monetary units. The purpose is to provide information to decision making that can be used to internalise the true welfare effects of ecosystem services, particularly non-marketed services that are now largely ignored.*